## TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

LSA Document #13-335

Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends 312 IAC 6.2-1 and adds 312 IAC 6.2-2 to assist with implementation of Article 4 of IC 14-25-15-1 pertaining to water management and regulation under the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact to (1) address registration and permitting of water withdrawal facilities; (2) provide a voluntary conservation and efficiency program for water withdrawal facilities; (3) provide mandatory conservation and efficiency programs for new and increased withdrawals, diversions, and consumptive uses; and (4) otherwise comply with IC 14-25-15. Similar provisions applied before the effective date of the proposal in LSA Document #11-677(E), LSA Document #12-119(E), and LSA Document #12-586(E). Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm. Statutory authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-25.

For purposes of <a href="IC 4-22-2-28.1">IC 4-22-2-28.1</a>, the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of <u>IC 4-22-2-28.1</u>, the Small Business Ombudsman designated by <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u> is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u>, specifically <u>IC 5-28-17-5(9)</u>, investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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